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Vera Wood Hazardous Waste Program Manager 27 CES/CEV 506 N. DL Ingram Blvd. Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico 88103-5003

RE: EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION TO DESTROY UXO FOUND AT BASE HOUSING UNIT, CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, EPA ID# NM7572124154

Dear Ms Wood:

Under 20 NMAC 4.1.900, incorporating 40 CFR 270.61, Cannon Air Force Base is hereby authorized to treat 789 unexploded 20-guage shotgun shells found at a vacant base housing unit, owned by former Cannon Air Force Base Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) personnel. Cannon Air Force Base has secured the former tenant's shotgun shells left on the premises. EOD personnel declared the shells were "NOT SAFE" for public transportation to DEPOT Hill AFB, UT, the routine military munitions disposal and management facility.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) authorizes the treatment of the ordnance through detonation in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal bermed/open training area, facility #5030, Cannon Air Force Base, in accordance with 20.4.1.500 NMAC incorporating 40 CFR 264.1(g)(8). The NMED expects Cannon Air Force Base to take all necessary safety precautions while operating under this authorization.

Cannon Air Force Base must submit a report, as required, to NMED detailing the authorized activities within seven (7) days after the emergency activity. This authorization was valid only through 5:00 p.m., July 30, 2005.

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Sincerely,

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